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NEW CAREER GIRLS

# Neophytes Cook As Well As Pros

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A foursome of young college graduates, all new to Washington, have jumped in with both feet to set up a home for themselves.

While there's nothing new about pooling resources to cut living expenses, this group of fledglings are taking to housekeeping like ducks to water.

"We get a charge out of cooking", says Jo Anne Clark who claims they have yet to throw out any failures.

Jo Anne, a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, came to Washington in March on an interview and stayed on as a copy girl for the Women's Department of The Star.

Rather than working in teams, the girls prefer to be on their own. Each one takes over the responsibility of the meals for a week at a time. She plans the menus, shops, cooks and cleans up. Then, she's free for the next three.

They change shifts on Friday since the once-a-week maid scrubs up the kitchen and defrosts the refrigerator for them on Thursdays, thus the new cook gets off to a clean start.

"Menu planning is the hardest job", comments Jo Anne of Beaver, Pa. who has had some cooking experience and has her own file of favorite recipes. She spent her junior college year at the University of Strasbourg near the German border and developed a taste for the French-style cuisine. She likes recipes that call for wine.

Gail Meier is [illegible]urer for the house. They [illegible] straws and Gail was "it".

"She's the most conscientious, so it was a lucky break", Jo Anne points out.

A geologist with a degree from the University of Rochester (N. Y.), Gail is also a Pennsylvanian. Before joining the group in May she didn't list cooking as one of her accomplishments but she's learning and a friend in Alexandria supplies her with "tried and true" recipes.

Posey Brosnahan is a fellow classmate of Jo Anne's and a Russian major with music her second interest. She was a member of the Pennsylvania State University Chapel Choir on their 1962 festival European tour. Coming from Pennsylvania Dutch country she leans towards dishes typical of that area.

Robin Seaver is a Bostonian and naturally thinks they're the only ones who know how to bake beans properly. A graduate of the College of Boston, she and Posey both hold down government jobs. A newcomer with the group, Robin is planning a baked bean supper for one of her menus, using her mother's recipe.

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